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**Inspection Results**

**Approved**

**Date of inspection**

Feb 28, 2017

Type of inspection Annual inspection

Type of runs Indoor runs only

license type 44 - Public shelter

License # 25

# dogs present 17

# cats present 14

Number of prim. enclosures

37

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Name of business

Name of owner

568 Dog Pound Road

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Phone Number

**Facilities**

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0201 Housing in sound repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0201 Daily waste removal	Acceptable	0201 Perimeter Fence	Acceptable
0201 Meets electrical code	Acceptable	0201 Hot and cold water present	Acceptable	0201 Adequate drainage	Acceptable
0201 Safe electrical power	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0201 Washroom basin and sink	Accept.	0201 Access to AWS employees	Acceptable
Food and bedding protected 0201	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0201 Thermometer present	Acceptable	0201 Compliance with welfare	Acceptable
		0201 Animals in windows	Not applicable		

**Records, shelter**

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
Origin of animals 0101	Acceptable	Location off-site 0101	Acceptable	Disposition of animals 0101	Acceptable
0101 Descript. of animals, shelter	Acceptable			Veterinary treatment, shelter 0101	Acceptable

**Records, kennel**

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0102 Owner information & signature	Not Applicable	0102 Description of animals, kennel	Not Applicable	0102 Veterinary treatment, kennel	Not Applicable

**Records, inspection**

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0103 Records made available	Acceptable	0103 Records match animals	Acceptable	0103 Records kept 1+ year	Acceptable

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Indoor facilities

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0202 Ambient temperature, indoor	Acceptable	0202 Ventilation, indoor	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0202 Lighting, indoor	Acceptable
0202 Imperv./Sanitary surf., indoor	Acceptable	0202 Drainage, indoor	NOT ACCEPTABLE		

Outdoor facilities

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0203 Impervious surfaces, outdoor	Acceptable	0203 Housing, 1 per animal	Not Applicable	0203 Protection from elements	Acceptable
0203 Owner advised, outdoor	Not Applicable	0203 Drainage, outdoor	Acceptable		

Primary enclosures

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0204 Drainage prev. cross contam.	Acceptable	0204 Fence height >= 5 feet	Acceptable	0204 1:10 ratio, person: animal	Acceptable
0204 Surf. Impervious to moisture	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0204 Enclosure is escape proof	Acceptable	0204 Cats, >= 4 sq. ft. / adult	Acceptable
0204 Prevent contact with wood	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0204 Solid resting surface	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0204 Cats, <= 12 / enclosure	Not Applicable
0204 Enclosures in sound repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0204 Cats, raised resting surface	Acceptable	0204 Cats, 1 litter pan / 3 adults	Acceptable
0204 Size of enclosure	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0204 Dogs, supervision if > 4	Acceptable		

Feeding

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0205 Feeding, 1x / day, adult	Acceptable	0205 Feeding, 1 bowl / adult	Acceptable	0205 Feeding, commercial food	Acceptable
0205 Feeding, bowl in good repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0205 Feeding, quality food	Acceptable	0205 Feeding, bowl is protected	Acceptable
0205 Feeding, 2x / day, young	Acceptable				

Watering

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0206 Watering, continuous access	Acceptable	0206 Watering, bowl in good repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE

Sanitation/Employees/Classification & Separation

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0207 Waste removal 2x / day	Acceptable	0207 Grounds overgrown	Acceptable	0207 Young given social interact.	NOT ACCEPTABLE
0207 Animals removed while clean	Acceptable	0207 Pest Control	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Species separated	Acceptable

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**Sanitation/Employees/Classification & Separation (continued)**

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0207 Enclosure sanitized 2x / day	Acceptable	0207 Number of employees	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Isolation area & signage	Acceptable
0207 Method of sanitation	Acceptable	0207 Females in estrus, separated	Acceptable	0207 Long term care program	NOT ACCEPTABLE
0207 Build./grnds., clean & repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Owner perm, commingling	Not Applicable	0207 Animals confined	Acceptable
		0207 Young with dam	Acceptable		

**Veterinary Care**

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0210 Program of veterinary care	Acceptable	0210 Daily observation of animals	Acceptable	0210 Rabies vaccination	NOT ACCEPTABLE
0210 Veterinary care when needed	Acceptable				

**Vehicles**

0301 Vehicles mechanically sound	Acceptable	0301 Fresh air and ventilation	Acceptable	0301 Cargo area clean	Acceptable
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**Primary Enclosure Used in Transportation**

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0302 Construction of enclosure	Acceptable	0302 Age and species separated	Acceptable	0302 Size of transport enclosure	Acceptable
0302 Enclosure clean & sanitized	Acceptable				

**Transportation: Food and Water**

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0303 Food & water during transport	Not Applicable	0304 Observation of animals	Acceptable

**Transportation: Care**

**General Statute 19A-32.1**

(a) Hold minimum 72 hours	Acceptable	(b) 1, 2, 3 Make available for adopt.	Acceptable	(c) Viewing 3 days for 4 hours each	Acceptable
(d) If animal offsite, photo of animal posted in conspicuous location	Acceptable	(f) 1, 2, 3 Animals were returned to owner, adopted or euth only	Acceptable	(g) i, ii Owner surrender held unless proof ownership & signed consent	Acceptable
(h) Owned animal surrender, ask if there has been a bite w/in 10 days	Acceptable	(i) Release animal to person, record of approved government photo ID	Acceptable		

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**Narrative Explanation**

Annual inspection today with Shelter Attendant Ryan Hedgepath & Lead ACO Robert Richardson in attendance.

Items of concern are as follows:

HALLWAY.

0201(a), 0202(d), 0207(c).

1. Ceiling vents have dirty filters. These need to be changed on a routine basis. (Suggest a signature log that documents when and by whom the filter was changed/cleaned)
2. Water seeps under the interior wall from the dog kennel area into the office and hallway. (Suggest a new seal)
3. The corners and along where the walls meet with the floor, there is wet dirt, hair and debris. (Suggest a thorough deep clean, new seal and rubber type border)

CAT ROOM.

0201(a), 0202(b)(d), 0204(a)(b), 0205(b), 0206, 0207(c).

1. Ceiling vent is dirty. (Suggest following a routine protocol for changing filters and the use of a signature log for documentation of such)
2. I am told the ceiling exhaust fan in here has been broken for 2 weeks. Maintenance is aware. As for now, there is a hole in the ceiling where the fan was. (Suggest that maintenance be contacted again and reminded of the importance of this repair)
3. The cages are resting atop enclosed wooden structures that are in need of repair as the painted wood is damaged and exposed. (Suggest that these 2 structures be cleaned, apply a primer odor/stain blocker then apply 2-3 coats of a high gloss paint and follow up with an epoxi type sealer.)
4. There is a wall of wooden built ins that consist of several cabinets, drawers and a sink. All the cabinets and drawers are under utilized with clutter and debris. They have cobwebs and are dirty. (Suggest a thorough purge of contents and a deep clean. The application of some type of impervious to moisture covering such as contact paper to all inside shelves and drawers. A re staining and re sealing of the entire outside)

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5. The floor in here is concrete. It appears that it is not sealed as it is stained and holds debris and water. Where the wall meets with the floor, the cages support structures meet with the floor and the wall of cabinets that meet with the floor, have a little to no intact seal. (Suggest a deep clean of the floor followed by several coats of an epoxy type sealant. The application of a flexible rubber type base board to act as the new seal to where the wall meets with the floor circumference of the room.)

6. The walls and ceiling in here are comprised of sheetrock. They are absorbent of odor and liquid. They also have some holes. (Suggest a coat of odor/stain blocking primer to all the exposed wall areas first, then a material such as frp board/shower board be applied. The ceiling scraped down to a smooth surface, apply a odor/stain blocking primer followed by 2-3 coats of a high gloss paint and a sealant to complete it.)

7. The cat cages offer no room for the feline to move around once the litter box and bulky food/water tray are in place. The litter boxes and food/water trays are made of plastic and are showing extreme wear. Scratches and sharp jagged edges are exposed. Thus they are not able to be properly disinfected and pose possible injury. (Suggest that all the litter pans be replaced with stainless steel pans and the food/water dishes be replaced with smaller stainless steel bowls that mount onto the kennel gate door. This will free up space in the cage, prevent injuries and be easy to clean/sanitize.)

STORAGE and CAT ISOLATION ROOM.

0201(a)(d), 0202(b), 0204(b), 0205(a), 0207(c)(d).

1. Ceiling vents in this room are in the same condition as the the other vents throughout the facility. (Suggest the same suggestions for those be followed here as well.)

2. The ceiling, walls and wall of cabinets are in the same shape as those in the cat room! (Suggest the same be implemented to these areas in this room as it is been suggested to do in the cat room.)

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3. There are a lot of heavy spider webs and rodent droppings throughout this space. Although the bagged food is up off the floor, it is sitting on top of plywood shelving, is covered in a thick dust and much of the food is old. I am told that none of this gets used. There are 2 plastic pallets that hold the dog food that is being used. (Suggest that all the old dog food and plywood shelving be disposed of. Should extra shelving be needed, replace it with a heavy duty plastic type unit. Deep clean the entire room from floor to ceiling and follow up by repainting/ resealing the ceiling and walls as suggested be done in the cat room. Because I am told today that it is extremely difficult to remove the sticky cobwebs in here and that they continue to reappear quickly, I strongly suggest that they have a professional exterminator to service the building.)

4. There are 2 cat cages in here for isolation purposes. These have rusted doors and sit atop a wooden base. (Suggest that they reseal the base and repaint/reseal the cage doors.)

#### DOG KENNELS and GARAGE AREA.

0201(b)(c), 0204(a)(b), 0207(c).

1. There is kennel fencing that has holes and is rusting. Poles that are rusted through or broken off exposing jagged edges that require repair. Copious amounts of dog hair and dust has accumulated on the kennel fencing of all the primary enclosures. The dog hair has entwined itself into the fencing making it nearly impossible to remove. A guillotine door has been chewed off by one of the dogs. The need for this repair was reported approximately 2 months ago yet remains to be addressed. All of the guillotine door iron/steel type supports are exposed, rusted, have jagged edges and are surrounded by broken/crumbling concrete. Half of these have been

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repaired. (Suggest that all fencing repairs, the guillotine door that is damaged, the completion of the guillotine door supports and crumbling broken concrete, be attended to immediately as these all pose a threat of possible injury to the canines. The dog hair is easily removed by burning it off with a small torch.)

2. The kennel floor, to include the floors and cross contamination barriers of each of the primary enclosures, is in need of repaint/reseal. The floor is also holding water that leaks under the interior wall and into the hallway and front office. (Suggest that they have a professional come out to evaluate and access the leaking water issue and what needs to be done to correct it. Once the issue is fixed they need to look into flooring options and products for the floor and cross contamination barriers. )

3. Several dog beds are exposing sharp jagged edges that pose as possible injury factors. (Suggest that the threatening edges be sanded down smooth, replace with new ones or replace with heavy duty thick rubber mats.)

4. The extremely high ceiling in here possess a number of challenges. It is heavily accumulated with thick black cobwebs, uncovered lighting fixtures and exposed, damaged and falling insulation. The exhaust fan is needing to be deep cleaned in here as well. (Suggest, that for safety reasons, they have a professional cleaning company with experience and the proper equipment come in to address these issues now and schedule future maintenance up keep with them.)

5. The windows and casings in the kennel area are dirty and being used as catch all spaces. (Suggest that all windows back here, to include the casings be thoroughly cleaned, freed of clutter and remain that way.)

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6. The adjacent garage area is separated from the kennels by a interior metal wall with a connecting door. There is a door that connects this space to the interior hallway, a door that exits to the outside back of the building and a roll up garage door for vehicle access to this space. This side of the vast ceiling in here suffers the same as it does above the kennel area as the metal wall only goes so high leaving a high open concept ceiling. The scale is located in here along with metal rusted shelving units that hold canned and bagged food that is old and not eligible for canine or feline consumption. The entire room is dirty from dog hair, dust and small debris. (Suggest that the scale be re located into the storage/ isolation room after it is cleaned up. Purge the rusted shelving and all of the old animal food that it houses. Provide a good general housekeeping to the entire space. Have this section of the ceiling be taken care of by the professionals. Clean up and reorganizing to the outside area is needed too.)

#### SEIZED ANIMALS.

0101(5), 0201(k), 0209(6), 0210(d).

1. Vetting records, medication sheets when needed, current vaccinations against rabies, enrichment logs for long term animals, and general documentation on animals health and well being while at the shelter, are required. ACO Richardson has made a good effort on keeping up with these things. However, a few of these need to be improved on. (Suggest a case binder be made up upon impound to compile all the necessary requirements when taking care of these type cases. This way all paperwork and records, for all the animals involved in the case, can be readily available for staff to document in and review when needed.

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I will assist ACO Richardson in this should it be decided that this method will be used and I will provide them with a sample medication sheet. I am also strongly suggesting that when animals are impounded as an ongoing investigation or case, the staff make every effort to place and keep the animals in adjacent kennels away from public view.

EMPLOYEES.

0208.

Staffing seems to be at a minimum here as there is but 1 shelter attendant and 3 field officers. Thus the required level of husbandry practices are not being sufficiently met. (Suggest that this be looked into further. I am providing them with an informational tool on a formula for shelter and field staffing to assist them.)

I am requesting a written time line and a meeting with ACO Richardson and Mr. Dillard within 2 weeks of receiving this report.

This inspection is approved contingent upon their willingness of addressing all the above issues which will bring them into compliance.

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